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The first trawler #111 (American AM-138) has completed all tests and is undergoing combat preparation by our crew in ST Petersburg. On 21 July it enters the shipyard for installation of range-finder and [1 group unrecovered] Oerlikons. (It has been finally agreed that each ship shall be equipped with 8 Oerlikons instead of the original 4). All work will be completed 27 July.

On 10 July our flag was raised and the crew moved into the second trawler #112 (AM-139). Armament is now being tested, it will go to Key West for degaussing test, on 28 July it enters the shipyard for the same work as the first, on 3 August it will be handed over completely.

The third trawler #113 (AM-140) was tested in action 12 July, a control run will be necessary.

The fourth trawler #114 (AM-141) starts mooring tests on 19 July.

On 13 July our flag was raised on the first large submarine chaser SC 1283 and the crew moved in, on 18 July it goes to Miami.

The second SC 1284, after official tests, left Norfolk 11 July for Miami

[60 groups unrecovered]  
submarine chasers.

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